

The Indiana Hoosier Homestead Award Program

The Hoosier Homestead Award Program is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA). The program recognizes those families with farms that have been owned by the same family for 100 years with a Centennial award, for 150 years with a Sesquicentennial award and for 200 years or more with a Bicentennial award.

The program stresses the important contribution these family farms have made to the economic, cultural and social advancement of Indiana.

To be recognized as a Hoosier Homestead Farm, interested parties must complete an application which is available through ISDA or downloaded from our website, www.IN.gov/isda.

The following criteria must be met:

- ☆ **Property must either be a minimum size of twenty (20) acres or produce at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in agricultural products during one year.**
- ☆ **Ownership of the property must have been in the same family for at least one hundred (100) years and a direct relationship must be established between the present owner and the owner of one hundred (100) years ago.**

All applications must be accompanied by documentation to prove family ownership. This documentation may include copies of those portions of the abstract which shows conveyance of title, the original deed or other verification for the transfer of ownership from one relative to the next. Please submit **copies only** and not the original document.

Those who qualify for the Hoosier Homestead Award will be recognized at a ceremony held at the State Capitol. Each family will receive a commemorative certificate signed by the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor, who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. In addition, recipients of the award will be eligible to purchase a yard sign which designates their property as a Hoosier Homestead Farm.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture will review all applications for the award. Information of historical value on each Hoosier Homestead Farm will be deposited with the Archives Division of the Indiana State Historical Society for future reference.

For further information regarding the Indiana Hoosier Homestead Award Program, contact:

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Please send me an application on the Indiana Hoosier Homestead Award

Name:	
Street Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip:	



As Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, I am proud to be a part of the Hoosier Homestead Award Program.

It is only proper that we honor those endeavors that have contributed so greatly to the agricultural heritage of our State.

Indiana is the smallest state west of the Allegheny Mountains, except Hawaii, and ranks 38th in landmass, however Indiana ranks second in the nation in the percentage of prime farmland and has over half of its landmass in cropland. Indiana has a vibrant rural heritage, with abundant rainfall to support its strong grain and livestock, fruit and vegetable, and hardwood industries.

I am confident that through the Hoosier Homestead Award Program we can express our appreciation to those individuals who have contributed so greatly to our State's growth.

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Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Affairs*



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